

Braemore Preserve

Town of Guilford

The Braemore Preserve is a 95-acre open space tract. The preserve was purchased by the Town of Guilford in 2000 with matching funding from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Open Space Program. Braemore consists of both lowland and upland zones. The lowland features open meadow, open wetlands, pine grove, and red maple swamp. The upland is characterized by deciduous forest, sprinkled with small stands of red cedar. It rises abruptly from the lowland about 200 vertical feet in a series of rock bluffs with several rocky ridges rising another 50 to 100 feet.

The Braemore Preserve is part of Guilford's Northwoods Trails network that links a collection of open space tracts that are spread across North Guilford including Bluff Head, the Meyerhuber Preserve and the James Valley Preserve. The trails also link to Mica Ledges and Rockland Preserve in Madison. There are currently over 600 acres of permanently protected land in Guilford north of Lake Quonnipaug. Seventeen miles of recreational trails currently exist in Northwoods.



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Moderate Hike

Braemore Preserve is comprised of both wooded uplands and open meadows and wetlands. On the Ridge Trail, which is the highest point, one can see to the Long Island Sound on a clear day. Hikers can extend their hike by walking to Bluff Head, another section of Northwoods.

Directions and Parking:

Braemore Preserve can be accessed via Route 77 (Durham Road) in Guilford coming from north or south. On the east side of Route 77 a small gravel parking area can be found. Access to the Braemore preserve trails can also be found at this gravel parking lot.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

The passive woodland area contains a marked trail for horse riding trails, hiking trails and acres of woodlands to hike, walk and cross country ski. Prohibited activities include motorized vehicles, camping, fires, or alcohol. Dogs must be on leash, please pick up all animal waste.



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Total Trails Length: Approx. 4.02 miles

Lone Pine Trail: 0.88 miles

Bridle Trail (Yellow): 1.19 miles

Bridle Loop: 0.56 miles

Ridge Trail: 1.33 miles

Vista Spur: 0.06 miles



For more information about this location, contact:

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